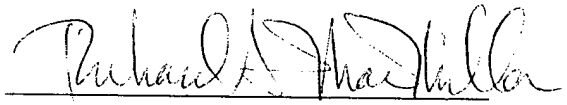
The Examiner again refers to the disclosure of the Monson et al. reference set forth at Column ; Lines 45-55 as being relevant to the claimed invention. However, that portion of the Monson et al. reference discloses a digital output screen that displays the location of a tractor in the field on a digital map, and further displays the status of various systems on the vehicle. This is an interesting use of standard global positioning technologies, but it clearly does not show or suggest the generation of a map of the performance of an agricultural tractor during operation in the field as claimed.

The Examiner refers to the maps 80-84 of Monson et al. reference and compares them to the tractor performance maps of the claimed invention. However, the maps 80-84 disclosed in the Monson et al. reference are maps of soil fertilizer concentrations in a field. The maps are not related to the performance of an agricultural tractor, as specifically claimed. Clearly, soil fertilizer concentrations do not represent operating characteristics of an agricultural tractor as claimed. This performance mapping of tractor operating characteristics is an important feature of the claimed invention because it is useful in determining the cost of growing crops and how the costs are distributed across a field. A map of fertilizer concentrations in a field cannot serve this purpose. Thus, the claimed invention is clearly unique and patentable over the disclosure of the Monson et al. reference.

Respectfully submitted,



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